Remarks

The Examiner has requested a restriction requirement with respect to the above-identified application. The Examiner states that the following groups of claims are directed to patentably distinct species: (a) Claim 1 (Group I); b) Claims 2-9 (Group II); and (c) Claims 10-18 (Group III).

The Examiner requests an election of one species for prosecution on the merits.

In response, Applicant elects Group I (Claim 1).

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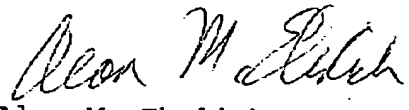
Respectfully submitted,



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